

State Water Resources Control Board

August 30, 2018

(Via email and Certified Mail)
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Mr. Kevin Harrell
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEM
LOCATED AT FIRE STATION NO. 2, 222 HOLLISTER AVENUE,
SANTA MONICA**

Dear Mr. Harrell:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the UST at your facility on August 15, 2018, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	Failure to Maintain Site Map – An approved site map indicating the location of underground piping was not available in CERS or onsite at the time of the inspection. The site map in CERS at the time of inspection was for Fire Station No. 3.	Diesel	August 15, 2018	Ongoing	H&SC 25286(a); 23 CCR 2711(a)(8)
2	Failure to Maintain Monitoring or Testing Records Onsite – The 2017 and 2016 annual monitoring system certification records were not onsite at the time of inspection.	Diesel	August 15, 2018	Ongoing	H&SC 25293; 23 CCR 2712(b)
3	Failure to Update or Maintain Release Response Plan – The release response plan was not available in CERS; however, this violation was corrected on August 16, 2018.	Diesel	August 15, 2018	August 16, 2018	23 CCR 2632(d)(2)

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4	Failure to Maintain Owner/Operator Agreement – In CERS, the tank operator is listed as CSM Fire Station #2/Deputy Chief Administration and the tank owner is listed as the City of Santa Monica/Rick Cole. Since the permit is issued to the facility operator and the owner is not the operator an owner/operator agreement is required.	Diesel	August 15, 018	Ongoing	H&SC 28284(a)(3); 23 CCR 2620(b)
5	Failure to Maintain Operating Permit – The operating permit onsite expired in 2014 and a current permit was not available at the time of the inspection.	Diesel	August 15, 2018	Ongoing	H&SC 25284(a)

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and Santa Monica Fire Department within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your Designated Operator make specific notations in the next monthly designated operator report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly designated operator report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board

Mr. Will Speth
UST Enforcement Unit
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Sacramento, California 95814
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Local CUPA

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Environmental Compliance Specialist
Santa Monica Fire Department
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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Amantha Henkel
Senior Environmental Scientist
UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement

cc: See next page.

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